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**DECLARATION:**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMPROVEMENTS TO DIRECT CURRENT ELECTRIC MOTORS, IN PARTICULAR
FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACTUATORS

the specification of which (check only one item below):

[ ] is attached hereto.

[ ] was filed as United States application Serial No. _____ on _____, and was amended on or through _____(if applicable).

[X] was filed as PCT international application Number __PCT/FR00/00269__ on __04 February 2000__, and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s) and any Priority Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §119:          Priority Claimed

| 99/01358 | France | 05 February 1999 | [X] | [ ] |
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| (Number) | (Country) | (Day/Mo/Yr Filed) | Yes | No |
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

| (Application Number) | (Filing Date) |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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